

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I HEREBY DECLARE:

THAT my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

THAT I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or an original, first, and joint inventor¹ (if plural inventors are named below or in an attached Declaration) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

DISPOSABLE SURGICAL SUCTION/IRRIGATION TRUMPET VALVE TUBE CASSETTE

(Attorney Docket No. 050251/0101)

the specification of which (check one)

 X Is attached hereto.

 Was filed on _____ as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

THAT I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was ever known or used by others in the United States of America, or was patented or described in any printed publication in any country, before I (we) invented it;

THAT I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was patented or described in any printed publication in any country, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America, for more than one year prior to the filing date of this United States application;

THAT I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was first patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate that issued in any country foreign to the United States of America before the filing date of this United States application if the foreign application was filed by me (us), or by my (our) legal representatives or assigns, more than twelve months (six months for design patents) prior to the filing date of this United States application;

THAT I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

THAT I believe that the above-identified specification contains a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention, and sets forth the best mode contemplated by me of carrying out the invention; and

THAT I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I HEREBY CLAIM foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number	Country	Foreign Filing Date	Priority Claimed?	Certified Copy Attached?

I HEREBY CLAIM the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

U.S. Provisional Application Number	Filing Date

I HEREBY CLAIM the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S. Parent Application Number	PCT Parent Application Number	Parent Filing Date	Parent Patent Number
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09/015,299		29 January 1998	6,027,502

I HEREBY APPOINT the following registered attorneys and agents of the law firm of FOLEY & LARDNER to have full power to prosecute this application and any continuations, divisions, reissues, and reexaminations thereof, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT the foregoing attorneys and agents appointed by me to prosecute this application do not personally represent me or my legal interests, but instead represent the interests of the legal owner(s) of the invention described in this application.

I FURTHER DECLARE THAT all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS
A/C PATENTSDECISION ACCORDING STATUS
UNDER 37 C.F.R. \$1.47(a)

In re Application of
Peter Visconti, Thomas Doering,
Ken Horton, Jan Wells,
Robert Thomas, James Hansen,
Gary P. Schroeder and Ashvin Desai
Application No. 09/574,164
Filed: May 18, 2000
Title: DISPOSABLE SURGICAL
SUCTION/IRRIGATION TRUMPET
VALVE TUBE CASSETTE

This is in response to the request for reconsideration of
petition under 37 C.F.R. \$1.47(a), filed January 1, 2001.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application was filed on May 18, 2000,
without an executed oath or declaration and naming Peter
Visconti, Thomas Doering, Ken Horton, Jan Wells, Robert Thomas,
James Hansen, Gary P. Schroeder, and Ashvin Desai as joint
inventors. In reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of
Application - Filing Date Granted mailed August 1, 2000,
applicant submitted *inter alia* a declaration (and surcharge)
signed by inventors Visconti, Doering, Horton, Wells, Thomas,
Schroeder, and Desai on behalf on themselves and non-signing
inventor Hansen; and a petition for status under \$1.47.

The initial petition was dismissed because rule 47 applicant did
not demonstrate that a *bona fide* attempt had been made to present
the application papers (specification, including claims,
drawings, and oath or declaration) to non-signing inventor
Hansen. The cover letter submitted indicated that only a
declaration and power of attorney were presented to non-signing
inventor Hansen. In addition, the declaration of facts submitted
to show that non-signing inventor Hansen refused to join in the
application was not signed by a person with firsthand knowledge
of the facts recited therein, and it was not shown that obtaining
a declaration from that person was not possible.

On request for reconsideration, applicant submitted *inter alia* an
affidavit of Kim Diliberti, a patent paralegal, and the person
who drafted the cover letter and mailed the documents to inventor
Hansen for signature. In her sworn statement, Ms. Diliberti
stated that the letter of August 8, 2000, though only referencing
a declaration and power of attorney, also included the
specification, claims and drawings. Ms. Diliberti also attested
to the efforts taken to forward a patent application and formal
filing papers to inventor Hansen and to obtain an executed
declaration and power of attorney from him of which she had
firsthand knowledge.

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Given this additional evidence, it is concluded that applicant has made the required showing.

This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in new Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Petitions Attorney Nancy Johnson at (703) 305-0309.

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LETTER

Dear Mr. Hansen:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Nancy Johnson at (703) 305-0309. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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